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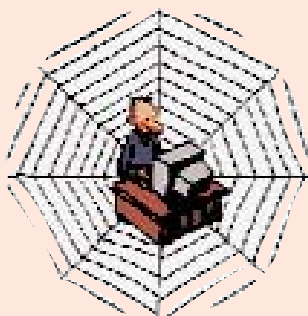
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Female fighters display 'lethal, effective force'

By Senior Airman
Susan Penning

20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SHAW Air Force Base, S.C.
— The House Armed Services Committee approved a bill putting a 1994 Pentagon policy into federal law prohibiting military females to serve in units below brigade level whose primary mission is direct ground combat.

Although the policy has raised the eyebrows of supporters of women in combat roles, many people may not realize the Air Force assigns women to combat aircraft positions, said Col. Philip Ruhlman, 20th Fighter Wing commander.

"Our women fighter pilots in the Air Force are fully qualified and continue to fly in combat alongside their male counterparts," he said. "They do so with lethal and effective force against our adversaries."

Capt. Gina Jennings, currently deployed from the 20th Operations Support Squadron

to Southwest Asia, has flown multiple combat missions. One of her primary duties at her deployed location is monitoring the air tasking order and all elements of generating combat missions.

"The training we get as pilots more than prepares us for combat," Captain Jennings said. "We begin first on the ground through training such as simulators, academics, intelligence, escape and evasion, chemical warfare, weapons and threats."

"In the air, we train and fly every day preparing for combat. With the multiple missions of the F-16 (Fighting Falcon), we ... ensure we are ready to execute any mission we are given."

Captain Jennings is one of 76 women flying fighter aircraft for the Air Force, according to current Air Force Personnel Center statistics.

Maj. Jill Long, assigned to the U.S. Central Command Air

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Prepared for take-off



Photo by Kim Dennis

David Wilson, 7, watches a plane take off from the air traffic control tower simulator on the flightline. He was one of 45 participants in Saturday's Operation Hero. The activity gives children a taste of what their parents go through while they are deployed. Each participant received a certificate and dog tags. David's parents are Melinda and Tech. Sgt. Matthew Wilson, 81st Training Support Squadron.

No deadlines set for troop withdrawal in Iraq

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Setting a timetable for U.S. troop withdrawal in Iraq would be a mistake, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told the Senate Armed Services Committee here June 23.

"Some in Congress have suggested that deadlines be set," Secretary Rumsfeld said. "That would be a mistake; it would throw a lifeline to terrorists. Timing in war is never predictable — there are no guarantees. And any who say that we've lost this war or that we are losing this war are wrong. We are not."

Gen. Richard Myers, Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, echoed the secretary's point.

"While we are all eager to see our troops come home, leaving before the task is complete would be catastrophic — not only for Iraq, but also for the overall struggle against violent extremism and for our national security," the general said.

Secretary Rumsfeld emphasized that any troop withdrawal cannot rely on an arbitrary timetable set up without regard for the situation in the country.

"The timing must be conditions-based," he said.

In Iraq, he said, those conditions are

based on the extent to which various ethnic factions reconcile; the level of support from the international community; and Iraq's neighbors, whose behavior, he said, "continues to be unhelpful."

Insurgents continue to come into Iraq from Syria and Iran, he said.

"Nations that serve as conduits for mass murderers are not friends of the Iraqi people, they're not friends of the United States, and they are certainly not friends of the civilized world," Secretary Rumsfeld said.

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Independence Day Remember those who serve, sacrifice

Editor's note: The following is a message from Michael Dominguez, acting secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff.

This July Fourth, we celebrate our nation's 229th year of independence. In those 229 years, the United States has embodied the principles of democracy and presented freedom's virtues for countless nations and people.

Our road to democracy began with the original 13

colonies and hasn't always been easy. The United States has fought for her freedom and ideals whenever and wherever needed. We continue to do so today, with Airmen deployed and engaged in the global war on terrorism.

As you celebrate our independence this year, keep those who are serving far away from home, and their families, in your thoughts and prayers. Remember their sac-

rifices and the sacrifices of courageous patriots who came before them.

You, America's Airmen, represent the very best we have to offer. Citizens of this nation and people of the world look to you as defenders of freedom. We couldn't be more proud of your strength and unity, and we thank you and your families for your selfless service. Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!

Airmen held to highest standards

By Maj. Richard Fogg

81st Comptroller Squadron commander

As members of the profession of arms, we must meet standards higher than those held for our public counterparts — specifically standards of competence, conduct, behavior and discipline.

Competence

Military members must have higher standards for competence than the public sector. Former Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Ronald Fogleman said, "Because of what we do, our standards must be higher than those that prevail in society at large. The American people expect this of us, and rightly so."

The public expects our standards to be higher because of the nature of the business we are in. Our sole purpose is to fight America's wars — and win.

In order to carry out this purpose, we kill people and blow things up. We can ill afford to kill people or blow things up accidentally.

If we diluted our standards, competency levels wouldn't be as high. The potential consequences of incompetence are catastrophic and we can't afford to take the chance.

We rely on military members to competently perform their assigned duties to ensure we successfully accomplish the mission. It's critical we adhere to the highest standards to make this happen.

Conduct, behavior

We also must have higher standards of conduct and behavior. How we conduct ourselves both on and off duty can greatly affect our performance.

An employer in the public sector has little or no control over you once you're off the clock. We're on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

Our conduct and behavior must be beyond

reproach because the public demands it. After all, the public entrusts us with the defense of this country, and our conduct and behavior must reflect this level of responsibility. Maintaining high standards of behavior requires high standards of discipline.

Discipline

Discipline is the bedrock for military effectiveness and mission accomplishment.

According to an article in the Armed Forces Journal, discipline restrains emotion in a professional who trains his or her force to commit the ultimate emotional event — killing another human being.

If we don't have swift and uniformly administered discipline, we can't enforce required conduct and behavior to ensure necessary competence levels to accomplish the mission of fighting and winning wars.

When a commander fails to take disciplinary action against incompetence, unit cohesiveness, morale and effectiveness are severely impeded. This in turn hampers the ability of members to accomplish the mission.

Standards

We are members of the profession of arms. We chose this profession, and meeting the highest standards of competence, conduct, behavior and discipline enables us to accomplish our mission.

The public sector doesn't need to have, nor do they have, such high standards.

General Fogleman stated in his message on accountability, "Ours is not a 'have it your way' kind of Air Force. Service members cannot pick and choose which aspects of Air Force standards, instructions, Defense Department directives or the Uniform Code of Military Justice laws they will comply with. That would undermine the good order and discipline that is so crucial to any fighting unit."

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. William Lord

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

Unfortunate finding on Triangle track

Comment — Recently, on the Triangle track, there was dog doo-doo. Please remind people about the responsibility of owning a dog and picking up after them.

Response — According to Keesler Instruction 31-202, paragraph 1.6, "Pet owners are responsible for the immediate pickup and disposal of pet waste outside their own yard. Failure to carry cleaning materials does not excuse owners from this responsibility." Unfortunately, not everyone fulfills this obligations. When that happens, the rest of us have a responsibility to step up, do the right thing and pick up litter or animal waste. To those who help keep Keesler looking beautiful, thank you. To the rest of you, please do your part, and together we can make Keesler the best-looking base in the Air Force.

Friendly, professional fitness centers

Comment — I have been at Keesler for the past 30 days and I have received some of the best service ever from Blake and Dragon fitness centers. They are very well maintained, the staff is helpful and the cleanliness is impressive. Thank you — it's a definite benefit for those of us who come here.

Response — The hard-working fitness staff appreciates your comments and the kudos. Coach Tim Cline and his staff have worked very hard to improve Keesler's fitness and sports program, and it is nice to know their customers are noticing.

**If you witness
or suspect
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report it to the
inspector general,
377-7053.**

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Keith Rogers, left, 403rd Maintenance Squadron, shows a C-130J aircraft to Cadets Andy Erlandson, North Carolina State University; Patrick Carucci, Utah State University; and Cal Coker, University of Georgia, June 22.

Keesler 'ASSISTs' cadets about military

By Senior Airman
Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Keesler hosts a summer program designed to help ROTC students learn about the military.

The Aerospace Selective Incentive Shadow Training program at Keesler hosts approximately 60 cadets from various universities.

The purpose of the program is to help introduce college students enrolled in the ROTC to the military, according to 1st Lt. Roderick Dunmore, 81st Training Wing ASSIST representative.

"We try to give them an idea of what military life is like," he said. "We want to show them what occurs on a day-to-day basis so when commissioned, they have had a little experience with the military and it isn't a big shock to them."

There are two periods with three sessions lasting four days: the first period, and continues through today; the second period is held in July, said Lieutenant Dunmore.

Last year when cadets visited Keesler, they were briefed

on topics such as goals and base operations. The group was also briefed on Keesler specific functions such as the First Term Airmen's Center, base structure, the 81st Training Wing, 81st Mission Support Group and the legal office.

"This year, we made minor adjustments," Lieutenant Dunmore said.

He added that this program benefits the participants as well as the base.

"This gives the company grade officers on base a mentoring opportunity," he said. "It is also a chance to talk to the cadets about their own career experiences and it may convince cadets to change their outlook as far as careers go. A cadet may want to come in as a security forces troop and leave wanting to be a finance officer."

He said that Keesler is one of a few bases that adopted the program.

"Altus Air Force Base, Okla.; Columbus AFB, Miss.; McGuire AFB, N.J., and Vandenberg AFB, Calif., also host ASSIST programs," he said.

He also said ASSIST is a chance for Keesler to shine.

"We schedule a few events for the ROTC cadets while they're here to showcase the base," he said. "We do working dog demonstrations, incentive rides, and visit technical training schools and the marina."

Lieutenant Dunmore said the base leadership has supported the program.

"Thanks to the squadron and group commanders, we have pools of different company grade officers and non-commissioned officers to help with the program," he said. "And both Brig. Gen. William Lord (81st Training Wing commander) and Col. Douglas Hayner (81st TRW vice commander) have asked to spend some time with each group of cadets."

Cadet Kyle Reasner, Indiana State University, was one of the first ROTC students to go through the ASSIST program here.

"This week, I really got to see how the base is self-sufficient," Cadet Reasner said. "The base is like its own little city. And I've never seen so many students marching together."

Guardsmen take advantage of ALS opportunities

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler has rolled out the welcome mat to Air National Guard members from around the country who want to attend Airman Leadership School in residence.

Master Sgt. Tina Shaw, Keesler's ALS flight chief, learned that many guardsmen are interested in ALS training in residence when she attended an Air Education and Training Command flight chief's conference in April.

"Most have only correspondence courses available," Sergeant Shaw pointed out. "We have to make sure our folks get in, but we usually have some extra seats, so our last two classes have had eight to 10 guardsmen."

The first class had ANG students from Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Mississippi and Puerto Rico. The current group has guard members from Hawaii, Georgia, Guam, Illinois and Missouri.

Having guardsmen in attendance has changed the classroom perspective in many ways, according to Sergeant Shaw.

"This class has a 45-year-old senior airman guard member," she noted. "We have flight line personnel and aircraft mechanics that we don't normally have at Keesler, so it broadens the scope of experience for everyone."

"We're one team, one fight, and we hold the guardsmen to the same standards as our active-duty members," Sergeant Shaw continued. "We're all going to fight wars, so we all have to maintain the same standards."

"Don't come to ALS with the mindset that it's easy — it's not," commented Senior Airman Francine Quitugua from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 151st Services Flight. "Unlike active duty, the guard doesn't have someone there pressuring you every day to make sure you maintain your physical conditioning and military standards."

"The constant military environment



Senior Airmen Charles Brown, Georgia Air National Guard, and Sean Smedley, 81st Training Support Squadron, chat between classes.

is good for us," she added. "We're reminded of our military responsibilities and duties because they're practiced every day here. The periodic performance feedbacks are very helpful, too."

Her coworker from Hawaii, Senior Airman Renee Pecpec, said, "Being here at Keesler is better. We have more hands-on learning, not just reading about interpersonal skills. Correspondence courses are more difficult — you have to do it on your own, set your own goals and objectives, with very little feedback."

"The active-duty people have been very friendly and have made us feel at home," she said.

Senior Airman Kisher Bland, one of



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Airman Quitugua, left, discusses military planning strategies with Staff Sgt. Chris Jackson, an ALS instructor, while Senior Airman Alonda Foster, Missouri Air National Guard, reviews her notes.

two Georgia ANG members in the current class, said that effective time management is one of the most important lessons she's learned so far.

"The structure with physical training and the emphasis on correct uniform wear has been good," commented Airman Bland, who's assigned to the 117th Air Control Squadron. "And I'm learning some good communication techniques — like when you're giving a presentation, the way you open it is the way you close it."

Perhaps the best learning experience is watching the ALS staff in action, according to Airman Quitugua.

"The instructors display extraordinary leadership," she explained. "We look at the instructors, and we pick up on their strengths. And Sergeant Shaw is like a mom — she's the leader of the pack."

The guardsmen have faced other adjustments at Keesler. Those from

Hawaii have contended with the five-hour time difference. Others have been challenged by south Mississippi's summer swelter. Limited temporary duty funds don't allow them to have vehicles, so they rely on fellow students and instructors to help them get around.

"I've noticed the trees don't sway here," Airman Quitugua observed. "And it's been a little difficult to rely on other people. In our services career field, we take care of people — I'm used to giving hospitality, not accepting it."

In spite of the successful ALS venture, it may be a while before other guardsmen come here for training. ALS is opening up some of its classroom space to the Keesler NCO Academy while structural repairs are under way, so the welcome mat is being tucked away for now.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

New leader for Bulls

Lt. Col. Elia Sanjume assumes command of the 335th Training Squadron from Lt. Col. Thomas Lyga, 10 a.m. today at the Keesler Community Center.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill down competitions alternate with non-prior service student parades behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Parades are 7 p.m. July 28 and Nov. 17. The September parade hasn't been scheduled.

Drill downs are 7 a.m. Aug. 12 and Oct. 7. The annual championship is 8 a.m. Dec. 2.

For information on student parades, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Veillon, 377-2789. For information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.



Perfect student

Senior Master Sgt. Jung Jeong from the Korean Air Force graduated June 23 from the basic electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron with perfect scores in all seven blocks of instruction. He remains at Keesler for further training in the 332nd TRS' precision measurement equipment laboratory course.

Civilian tuition aid

Keesler civilian employees are eligible for college tuition assistance for Air Force mission-

or job-related courses taken through a regionally or nationally accredited college or university.

Required forms are available

at the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center.

For more information, call 377-2323.

ACSC, AWC seminar

Air Command and Staff College or Air War College study groups offer interaction and accountability for the courses.

Seminars can begin anytime during the year and are open to eligible military and civilian personnel.

For more information, call 377-2323 or e-mail 81mss.education@keesler.af.mil.

Homosexual awareness

Homosexual awareness training is scheduled for 9 a.m. every other month in the Sablich Center auditorium.

The dates: Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15.

Manpower openings

The manpower and organization career field is looking for Airmen interested in retraining.

Senior airmen and staff sergeants with a mathematical background and are in balanced or overage career fields with four to 15 years of service are prime candidates.

For eligibility information, call the military personnel flight employment office, 377-9639. If eligible, call Master Sgt. Shawn Cosgrove, 377-7376.

ACSC options

Air Command and Staff College can be completed by correspondence or seminar.

Majors or major-selects of all service components and civilians General Schedule-11 and above are eligible.

For more information, call or e-mail Edward Hodge, 377-7159, eddie.hodge@keesler.af.mil.

WIA grants

Military spouses and veterans are eligible for dislocated worker training grants under the Workforce Investment Act.

Categories that fall under the WIA definition of dislocated worker are honorably discharged veterans (given priority over non-veterans), military spouses who make a permanent change of station with military member, spouses of military members who are honorably discharged and surviving spouses of veterans and military members.

For more information, call the family support center, 377-2179.

Medic earns Bronze Star

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Col. (Dr.) Thomas O'Donnell, former commander of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron, was presented the Bronze Star Medal by Brig. Gen. (Dr.) David Young III, 81st Medical Group commander, in a recent ceremony at Keesler Medical Center.

Colonel O'Donnell was awarded the medal as commander of the 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron at Baghdad International Airport, Iraq, "while engaged in ground operations against the enemy," Sept. 11, 2004, to Jan. 15, 2005.

According to the award citation, "During this period, while exposed to extreme danger from hostile bombing and mortar attacks in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Colonel O'Donnell superbly led the men and women of the (447th Air Expeditionary) group in providing around-the-clock primary care, aeromedical



Colonel O'Donnell

stabilization and medical evacuation services for the 24,000 coalition partners serving in the greater Baghdad area."

The citation continued, "As a first priority, Colonel O'Donnell initiated a camp mass casualty exercise to ensure proper medical response training and coordination in the event of a large-scale emergency. The decision

paid great dividends on Nov. 7, 2004, with a model medical response to support seven seriously injured Army personnel following two separate, coordinated insurgent attacks.

"Consistently proactive, he identified force protection weaknesses and worked with civil engineering to install hardened barriers and sandbag perimeters which greatly improved protection surrounding the medical complex and expedited emergency access to the facility. Additionally, he led Camp Sather's medical planning for a chemical or biologic incident response and established a comprehensive decontamination plan which coordinated efforts of the various base agencies."

The Bronze Star is among the top 10 awards for valor or meritorious service presented to Air Force military members.

Colonel O'Donnell retired June 6 after a 22-year military career.

Milestones slide again for A-76 announcement

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

An Air Force Audit Agency delay in recertification of Keesler's "most efficient organization" proposal is holding up the base's A-76 decision.

Keesler has to wait about two weeks longer than previously announced to learn if future support services will be provided by the MEO or contractors. The decision affects more than 700 jobs on base.

June 22, Air Education and Training Command notified Keesler that milestones for several key actions had slipped again.

The cost comparison is now scheduled for July 28-29 at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Keesler won't get the decision until congressional notifications are completed.

"The earliest
an official announcement
of the tentative decision
can now be made is Aug. 1."

— Ms. Clower

"Since July 29 is a compressed work schedule down Friday, the earliest an official announcement of the tentative decision can now be made is Aug. 1," said Linda Clower, competitive sourcing chief.

"The source selection evaluation team is still working very hard to finish evaluations by July 8," Ms. Clower noted. "Preparing the final documents and getting them signed by the source selection authority from the Air Force Program Execu-

tive Office are estimated to be completed by July 14.

"The next step is updating the MEO proposal to incorporate current salary and other cost factors and recertification by the AFAA," Ms. Clower continued. "Due to other long-standing commitments, the AFAA won't be able to update and recertify Keesler's proposal until July 25-26. The cost comparison can't be made until that takes place."

IN THE NEWS

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the NCO Academy is closed July 8 for drill evaluations.

The lot remains open in case of inclement weather.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Frank Dominguez, 377-2740.

Space and missile pioneer dies

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Retired Gen. Bernard Schriever, 95, widely regarded as the father and architect of the Air Force space and ballistic missile programs, died of natural causes at home in Washington June 20.

Under General Schriever's leadership, the Air Force developed programs such as the Thor, Atlas, Titan and Minuteman missiles, and all aerospace systems that have been launched into orbit, including those supporting NASA in its Mercury man-in-space program.

Albania accident report released

Air Force Print News

HURLBURT Field, Fla. — An accident investigation board found that a loss of situational awareness by the flight deck crew caused the March 31 crash of an Air Force MC-130H Combat Talon II in Albania.

The nine Airmen on the 7th Special Operations Squadron aircraft, based at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, were killed. The aircrew was on joint nighttime training mission when the aircraft crashed in a remote mountain location near Tirana, Albania.

The board determined that the crew's loss of situational awareness placed the aircraft in too low a climb with respect to the surrounding mountainous terrain. Responding to the situation, the crew didn't use all available power and stalled the aircraft during a turning climb, resulting in a loss of aircraft control and almost immediate crash.

New name for Indian Springs

Air Force Print News

NELLIS Air Force Base, Nev. — Nearby Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Air Field officially changed its name to Creech Air Force Base June 20.

The change honors Gen. Wilbur Creech, known as the "father of the Thunderbirds," the Air Force's premiere air demonstration squadron. He commanded Tactical Air Command from 1978 to 1984.

After a 36-year career that began as an Army private and ended as one of the most influential generals in Air Force history, General Creech retired in 1984. He lived with his wife, Caroline, in Las Vegas until he died in 2003.

No Keesler News next week

By contract, the Keesler News publishes 49 issues in the calendar year.

Next week, when the Independence Day federal holiday is observed, is the first of three weeks in which the base newspaper isn't published. The other two are the weeks in which the Christmas and New Year's federal holidays occur.

The newspaper office is closed Monday in observance of the holiday. Publication resumes with the July 14 issue.

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Forces commander’s action group, is another. She is an A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot who has seen her share of combat. Her most recent experience was in Operation Enduring Freedom when she said she ensured fighters, bombers and attack aircraft had the necessary air support to guarantee the safety of servicemembers on the ground. On a previous combat mission, she said she provided close-air support, nontraditional intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and strike capabilities for the ground commander. “We got a request for air support (during one of the combat missions),” she said. “We were able to redirect assets to the location, but it was a pretty big fight. “Having been through several similar situations, I knew to always hope for the best, a

quick resolution, but plan for the worst, a long-term, full-up battle. The weather was very poor, so we were extremely limited in what was flying. Through coordination and teamwork ... we were able to make it all work.” The male pilots who fly beside women like Major Long and Captain Jennings get a firsthand look at what they bring to the fight. “Women are an integral part of our air and space team,” said Maj. Anthony Roberson, 20th OSS operations director. “I have witnessed their excellence in combat and their (effect) on our total force. Major Long’s perspective on women in combat supports Major Roberson’s “team” concept. “There is a mission to be accomplished, and we are all expected to make that happen ... regardless of our (gender),” she said. “The fact that I’m a female doesn’t make me special. A bullet, bomb or missile has no clue what gender is (using) it.”

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Iraq’s political and economic stability also must improve, and the country must be able to take responsibility for its own security, he said. “Let there be no doubt that if the coalition were to leave before the Iraqi security forces are able to assume responsibility, we would one day again have to confront another Iraqi regime, perhaps even more dangerous than the last, in a region plunged into darkness rather than liberated and free,” Secretary Rumsfeld said. Other defense leaders testifying said the political process is key to success in Iraq, and a new government would go a long way toward ending the insurgency, perhaps making it possible then to begin setting a timetable for withdrawal. But in any event, the secretary reminded the senators that it’s not his decision to make. “I might make recommen-

dations to the president, but it’s for him to make those decisions, not me,” Secretary Rumsfeld said. It’s “critically important” Iraqis keep their present timetable for establishing a permanent government, he said. He said he doesn’t favor a six-month delay on the constitution, although it’s permitted under transitional administrative law. Any delay in the Iraqi vote would give insurgents an opportunity “to get better organized,” said Army Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. Central Command who also testified. “It increases the number of deaths and the tempo of action,” he said. “It would be a bad thing, but not fatal.” Army Gen. George Casey Jr., who commands multinational forces in Iraq, talked about the progress Iraq has made in the year since the Coalition Provisional Authority turned over sovereignty to the interim Iraqi government. He said Iraqis, supported by the coalition, have established an interim government, neutralized the insurgency and helped elim-

inate terrorist havens across the country. “Iraqis are serious about their future,” he said. “And they’re serious about building a government that respects the human rights of all Iraqis, and they’re serious about defeating the terrorists and the insurgents that are doing the utmost to deny them their dreams.” Recent polls show Iraqi citizens are confident in their government and in their security forces, are optimistic about their future and intend to vote in large numbers in the upcoming elections, General Casey said. “The Iraqi people are committed to something better,” he said. “They are fighting every day for the dream of a better future.” Success in Iraq cannot be defined as “domestic tranquility,” Secretary Rumsfeld said. Rather, “success is when there’s a free Iraq, where Iraqis are the guarantors of their own security, with minimal coalition involvement. And that will be a truly historic accomplishment.”

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

Testing change for chief promotion

Military personnel flight

Beginning this year, senior master sergeants competing for promotion to chief master sergeant take the Air Force's supervisory examination during the second week of September.

For the 05E9 cycle, the testing window is Sept. 13-16.

Testing is no longer conducted directly after Labor Day.

For more information, call 377-4361 or 7205.

Deployment checklist

Physical condition — Pursue a regular exercise program of cardiovascular, strength, flexibility and endurance training. If your shots aren't up to date, call immunizations, 377-6543.

Training requirements — See your unit deployment manager for these training schedules: chemical warfare, combat arms, self aid and buddy care. Update your training records.

Deployment documents — For current uniform identification cards, visit or call pass and registration, Room 124, Sablich Center, 377-3893. For current dog tags, visit or call the military personnel flight, Room 127, Sablich Center, 377-7107. For current Geneva Convention cards for medical personnel or chaplains, see your unit deployment manager or visit or call the 81st Mission Support Squadron, Room 125, Sablich Center, 377-2276. Have a copy of your current leave and earnings statement.

Your bags — Pack personal/mobility bag, tools and team equipment/cargo.

Family concerns — To process wills and powers of attorney, visit or call the legal office, Room 227, Sablich Center, 377-3510. If you and your spouse are both vulnerable to deploy, prepare a dependent care statement, Air Force Form 357. For a family readiness plan, visit or call the family support center, Room 130, Sablich Center, 377-8628.

Mailing care packages

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service and Military Postal Service Agency process mail for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. A letter takes seven to 14 days and a package 14-24 days.

For more information, call 1-800-275-8777 or visit <http://www.usps.com>.

Civilian career information

Air Force civilians can access the virtual Civilian Career Brief through the AFPC secure Web site, <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/default.asp>.

Once on the AFPC secure Web site, select "Civ Career Brief" from the button menu.

New vCCB users need to establish an account.

Officer promotion orders

Air Force Personnel Center no longer transmits officer promotion orders to military personnel flights for distribution to officers due to the "Quick Win" initiative to reduce MPF workloads.

Officer promotion orders are distributed prior to the effective date of promotion, therefore the new policy doesn't affect receipt of promotion orders or the ceremony. For more information, call 377-3895, or e-mail lashawndra.singleton@keesler.af.mil.

Aerospace medic chief retires with 28 years

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Mary DeBerry marks the end of a 28-year Air Force career 1 p.m. July 14 in the Keesler Medical Center's Don Wylie auditorium.

Chief DeBerry, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, is the aerospace medical service technician functional manager in the Air Force's largest medical group. She's the key adviser on matters concerning the welfare, effective use, training, career progression and organizational performance of the medical group's 324 enlisted medical technicians.

She communicates concerns and issues of the enlisted force to the medical group commander, squadron commanders and chief nurse. In addition, she ensures the enlisted force knows and understands the commander's policies.

The chief's also a key player on the medical group executive staff in maintaining discipline, standards and reinforcing quality force issues for technicians.

As functional manager, she's responsible for the growth and development of all medical services technicians and oversees assignments to functional areas, optimal utilization and paraprofessional development of human resources.

Medical services technicians provide assistance in the care for more than 50,000



Chief DeBerry

patients in the Keesler area and referral and consultative services for 95,000 beneficiaries along the Gulf Coast.

Chief DeBerry is completing her second tour at Keesler Medical Center. She was first assigned here from December 1991 to July 2000, returning in August 2001 after a one-year assignment at Osan Air Base, Korea.

She has also served at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.; Ellsworth AFB, S.D.; Royal Air Force Alconbury, United Kingdom; England AFB, La.; and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Chief DeBerry was born in Meridian, Miss., and raised in Wellington, Texas.

She is the mother of four children: Marcus, Bill, Ebony and Tammi, and grandmother of four: Shayla, Jenari, Aleyna and Derrick Jr.

WHAT IS A DRINK?

ONE 5 OZ. GLASS OF WINE
AT 11% ALCOHOL

ONE 12 OZ. BEER
AT 4 % ALCOHOL

ONE 1.5 OZ. SHOT OF LIQUOR
AT 40% ALCOHOL
OR 80 PROOF

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Fireworks follies threaten 4th of July fun

Safety office, fire prevention office and Keesler News staff

Fireworks are a traditional part of many celebrations, but pyrotechnic displays can be a threat if handled improperly.

The Fourth of July, Cinco de Mayo, Chinese New Year and other celebrations seem more festive and exciting with fireworks.

Unfortunately, the reckless or illegal use of fireworks can also make such holidays more dangerous.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said about 9,300 fireworks injuries were treated in emergency rooms, according to the most recent statistics available.

Almost 50 percent involved children under age 15. More than half the injuries were burns, but other people were blinded or received lacerations.

Firecrackers were associated with the greatest number of injuries, followed by rockets and sparklers.

Illegal fireworks continue to be a serious problem, according to the National Council on Fireworks Safety.

The council said that in the past decade, illegal explosives and homemade fireworks have caused nearly 33 percent of reported injuries.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend an outdoor public display put on by professionals.

When watching a fireworks show, stay in the designated viewing area.

The best place to get the full effect of the display is about 500 feet from the launch area.

For people who opt to light their own fireworks, here are some safety reminders and guidelines:

Fireworks are not toys. They burn at about the same temperature as a household match.

They can cause burn injuries and ignite clothing if used improperly.

Buy fireworks from reliable fireworks merchants.

Never attempt to make your own homemade fireworks. Mixing chemical powders can result in an untimely



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Fireworks, such as this display from 2004, should only be used outdoors.

and unwelcome explosion that can cause death or injuries.

Know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device.

Items such as M-80s, M-100s and blockbusters are federally-banned explosives that can cause serious injury or even death.

If you are aware of anyone selling such devices, contact your local police department.

Avoid anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the item, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use.

Different fireworks mean different hazards, so read the instructions on each one and follow them carefully.

Light the tip of each firework at arm's length, using a fireworks lighter or fuse wick. Move back immediately.

Light one firework at a time. Rockets should be launched from a rocket launcher, not from a bottle.

Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.

Never give fireworks to small children. Close adult supervision of all fireworks activities is necessary.

Don't throw fireworks onto a bonfire.

Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.

Don't carry fireworks in your pocket.

Always ignite fireworks outdoors.

Never throw fireworks at another person.

Even sparklers need careful handling, because they burn at temperatures of 2,000 degrees fahrenheit.

Light them one at a time at arm's length, make sure that anyone holding a sparkler wears gloves and put each spent one into a bucket of water as soon as it's gone out.

If a firework doesn't go off, don't go back to it — it could still be live and could go off unexpectedly.

Douse the "dud" with water, then completely bury it in the ground and cover it well when you're finished.

Pets hate bangs and flashes and get very frightened around fireworks, so keep pets indoors and close curtains to make things calmer.

Before lighting any fireworks, make sure enough room is available in a safe place.

Have a full bucket of water handy for any emergency, and for disposing of used sparklers.

Loose clothing or scarves can catch on fire very easily. If clothing catches fire, stop, drop to the ground and roll over to put out the flames.

Drinking alcohol presents an added danger when there are fireworks and bonfires around.

Consider not having any alcoholic drinks available until after all of your fireworks have been set off.

Fireworks are illegal at Keesler and in the Biloxi city limits.

In spite of this, numerous people use fireworks on the beach south of U.S. Highway 90 during July 4 celebrations.

For more information, call the safety office, 377-2910, or fire prevention office, 377-3330 or 2730.

Tech. Sgt. John McDill, safety office; Matthew Backeberg, fire prevention office, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Changing nature of military life reflected in civil law provisions

Legal office

In 2003, Congress responded to the changing nature of military service by adding new protections to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

Here's an overview of major SCRA provisions.

6 percent interest rate

Contracts such as loans, credit cards and mortgages signed by an individual prior to becoming a service member that bear interest rates in excess of 6 percent are lowered to 6 percent during the period of military service.

For instance, if an individual purchased a home with a loan that carries a 10 percent interest rate, the SCRA requires the interest rate to be lowered to 6 percent. In addition, the service member is entitled to reimbursement of those interest payments in excess of 6 percent made by the member while in service.

The SCRA distinguishes between those contracts signed before and after entering military service.

For those contracts entered after military service begins, there's no reduction in interest rate.

Lease termination

Military members are permitted to terminate an otherwise valid residential or motor vehicle lease.

This benefit, however, is limited. The SCRA distinguishes between residential and motor vehicle leases, as well as between leases signed before the member entered military service and those signed while on active duty.

For residential leases entered into before the individual becomes a military member, the lease can be terminated immediately upon entering the military.

For residential leases signed while the individual is a service member, the lease can only be terminated if the member receives permanent change-of-station orders or a deployment order for not less than 90 days.



For auto leases signed before an individual enters military service, the lease may be terminated upon entering military service if the orders specify a period of service of not less than 180 days.

For an auto lease signed while the individual is a service member, the lease may only be terminated if the member has a PCS from the continental United States to overseas or vice versa, or receives deployment orders for not less than 180 days.

Eviction from lease

A landlord may not evict a service member or their dependents from a residence for which the monthly rent is \$2,400 or less without a court order.

Also, if a landlord files an eviction proceeding with the court, the court must stay the proceedings for 90 days if the service member requests such and the member shows that his ability to pay the rent is materially affected by his military service.

Statute of limitations

This is a period of time prescribed by law in which an individual must file suit against the wrongdoer when seeking relief. For instance, in most states, there is a one year statute of limitations for a battery. If the victim fails to file suit within that period, he loses the action against the wrongdoer.

Under the SCRA, the statute of limitations doesn't run for or against a service member while he is in service.

In that respect, the SCRA is a double-edged sword.

It benefits the member in that the SOL won't run until

the individual terminates his military service, giving him a longer period of time to file suit against a wrongdoer.

But it's detrimental to the member because the period of time in which the member remains vulnerable to suit is extended until after the member leaves the service, which may be many years.

Default judgment

This is a court-ordered judgment against a defendant in an action in which the defendant didn't participate.

The SCRA requires that before a federal or state court enters a default judgment, the plaintiff must file an affidavit with the court stating whether or not the defendant is in military service.

If the defendant is in military service, the court may not enter a default judgment until after the court has appointed an attorney to represent the defendant.

If the court is unable to determine whether the individual is in military service, before entering judgment, the court may order the plaintiff to post a bond which would be available to indemnify the military member defendant against any loss suffered by reason of the default judgment.

If a default judgment is entered into against a service member, the court is required to reopen the case upon application by the member if it appears that the individual was materially affected by reason of the member's military service and the service member has a meritorious defense to the action.

Finally, if the service member has notice of the proceeding, the member may request an initial 90-day stay of the proceeding or the court may grant one on its own motion, by providing the court a statement of why the member's current military duty materially affects his ability to appear.

For more information about the SCRA, call the legal office, 377-3510.

KEESLER NOTES

Promotion ceremony

The next noncommissioned officer promotion ceremony is 3:30 p.m. today at the Keesler Community Center.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Harold Boyd, 377-2027.

Playground spraying

Spraying of approved herbicides to control weeds in military housing area playgrounds began last week and may continue for another week, weather permitting.

Playgrounds are roped off for treatment.

For more information on locations, call Debra Roth, 377-2865.

Free family fun

Military families get free admission to the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Regular admission is \$7.

The festivities include arts and crafts, races, water relays, ice cream churning and other entertainment.

For more information, call 897-6039.

Car wash fundraiser

The 334th Training Squa-

dron's booster club is holding a car wash, 8 a.m. to noon July 9 off Ploesti Drive near the mini-mall.

Donations are accepted to support squadron activities.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. James Clark, 377-5027.

GriefShare

GriefShare, a support group for people grieving the death and loss of a loved one, has its first meeting at 10 a.m. July 9 at the former chapel next to Sablich Center.

The group, sponsored by the 11:30 a.m. inspirational gospel service, is open to all Keesler military and civilian members.

For more information, call Glenda Woodard, 377-5032, or Chaplain (1st Lt.) Winston Jones, 377-2761.

Kids on the Move

Kids on the Move, a program for children whose families are moving to new assignments, is 6-7 p.m. July 28, Sept. 22 and Nov. 17 at the youth activities center.

The program is sponsored by the family support center and youth activities center.

To preregister, call 377-2179.

Retiree leader needed

The retiree affairs office is looking for a new director.

The current director, retired Chief Master Sgt. Lonnie Arnold, has directed the office for the past decade and continues to represent a four-state area on the Air Force's retiree council.

For more information, call Gary Schafer, 377-7964.

Fraud, waste, abuse

The inspector general's office is the focal point for Keesler's fraud, waste and abuse program.

People can report suspected incidents in person to the inspector general's staff or by using Keesler's fraud, waste and abuse hotline, 377-7053. The anonymous hotline is available around the clock.

The inspector general's office is in Room 106, 81st Training Wing headquarters.

For more information, call 377-3010.

Air show booths

Squadrons interested in having a food booth at the open house in November should send a representative to planning

meetings, 9:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call 377-0002.

Post-deployment

Briefings for people returning from deployments are 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays in the manpower conference room on the second floor of Sablich Center.

For more information or to sign up, call 377-2179.

Airman's Attic

Airman's Attic, 800/802 Rodenberg Avenue in Bay Ridge housing area accepts furniture, appliances, area rugs and carpets, cutlery, dishware, maternity clothing and infant clothing.

All items must be clean, serviceable and ready for immediate use.

The attic is open 3-6 p.m. Fridays.

For more information, call 257-9586. If donating large items, call 229-0562.

Returning home care

Military members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom are eligible for up to 16 hours

of free extended duty child care, per child, in support of their return.

Parents must submit requests to Mary Allgood, family child care coordinator, who schedules the care with a provider.

Unscheduled requests are arranged by phone on a space-available basis.

For more information, call 377-3189 or 5935.

Zero overpricing

Participation in zero overpricing through the IDEA program may entitle submitters to a percentage of the savings.

Submit items through ZOP, to 81 SUPS/LGSPQ, Attn: Terry Brandenburg. 377-5794 or FAX 377-9521.

MPF hours

Hours for relocations, retirements and separations at the military personnel flight:

Appointments only — 8 a.m. to noon Mondays-working Fridays.

Walk-ins — noon to 4 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Shirley Bailey, 377-2244.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Ducks conquer Knights

No. 3 seed 333rd TRS wins volleyball title over top seed 338th TRS

By Senior Airman
Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

So much for the regular season.

Entering the post-season as the third seed, the 333rd Training Squadron Mad Ducks was able to defeat the No. 1 seeded 338th TRS Dark Knights not once, but twice, in the double-elimination tournament to take the 2005 intramural volleyball championship.

The final victory was a two games to one triumph in the tournament's championship game.

From three to one

The Mad Ducks entered the double-elimination tournament with a 5-4 regular season record, and one of their four losses was to the Dark Knights, who finished the regular season as the league's best team at 8-1.

However, on the second day of the tournament, the Mad Ducks handed the 338th its first loss in more than one month (2-0), which sent the Dark Knights to the losers bracket.

A team's first loss in the tournament forces it to the losers bracket, meaning they face elimination with a second tournament loss.

The team that comes from the losers bracket must face the tournament's best team and defeat that team twice to win the championship.

The team without any tournament losses only had to defeat the team from the losers bracket once to win the championship.

Overdue

The Dark Knights suffered their last loss during the regular season to the 335th TRS Bulls, 2-0, May 18.

The Mad Ducks battled through the tournament as the



Photo by Joy Tew

Left, Donald Leornas, 338th Training Squadron, eyes the ball, along with Nate Zahn and Susan Wong-Tworek, 333rd TRS, as No. 2 John Goe, 333rd TRS, and Dustin Barr, 338th TRS, react to the shot.

"We had a very good regular season, but they were the better team tonight. They have been the best team throughout the tournament."

— Reckelberg

only unbeaten team.

Mad Ducks' coach Ben Glon attributed his team's tournament victory to being loose at the end of the regular season.

"As the tournament drew closer, I told our team to just go out there and have fun," he said. "Once the tournament started, we went full bore and left everything on the floor each game we played."

Super Ducks

Brenda Reckelberg, coach

for the Dark Knights, said the best team won this year's tournament.

"We had a very good regular season, but they were the better team tonight," Reckelberg said after the title game. "They have been the best team throughout the tournament."

After losing to the Mad Ducks, the Dark Knights fought their way to the championship game by beating the 738th Engineering Installa-

tion Squadron on consecutive days, 2-0 and 2-1.

The latter game was played just before the championship showdown with the Ducks.

Reckelberg said their team was winded when they faced the Mad Ducks for the second night in a row for the base championship.

"We had a couple of battles with the 738th EIS, but I feel we definitely earned the championship game berth," Reckelberg said.

Wounded Knights

Glon said his team took notice of the Dark Knights' condition entering the final game.

"They had to play the final game of the second game and the first game of the third day," Glon said. "We could see that they were sweating and winded. We didn't have any particular strategy to take advantage of that; we simply played to our capabilities. We just wanted the ball to hit the floor before they were able to hit it over the net."

Glon wasn't surprised to face the Dark Knights in the tournament finals.

"They were the best team in the regular season, and I think from top to bottom, they had the most talented team in the league," Glon said.

Too close to call

Reckelberg said the Mad Ducks and Dark Knights were pretty even with each other in the tournament and the play-offs.

"All of the games we played against each other were decided by a few points," Reckelberg said. "We happened to have more points than them in the regular season, but they had our number in the postseason."

The 738th EIS ended the tournament in third place; the 81st Medical Operations Squadron placed fourth, and the 335th TRS was fifth.

The members of the Mad Ducks were Glon, Ryan Oestmann, Karen Zoebisch, Jeff Isenberg, Steve Poppendieck, April Malloy, Jeff Phillips, Dave Gerosolina, Ben Smith, Dustin Baker, Susan Wong-Tworek, Nate Zahn, John Rogers and Jason Connel.

Instructor finishes 60-mile trek to fight cancer

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Mike Marston pounded more than 60 miles of pavement on Father's Day in a personal crusade to increase awareness and funding for pediatric cancer research.

The 335th Training Squadron instructor ran and walked along U.S. Highway 90 from the Palace Casino Resort in Biloxi to Henderson Point at the western edge of Pass Christian and back. The solitary journey took 17 hours, 45 minutes.

"I was there to greet him at the finish line," said his commander, Tom Lyga. "He ran the final two miles to put an exclamation point on the event."

The 96.7 kilometers matched the location on the radio dial of a Biloxi station, Hank-FM, one of Marston's supporters in raising funds and awareness for Curesearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation.

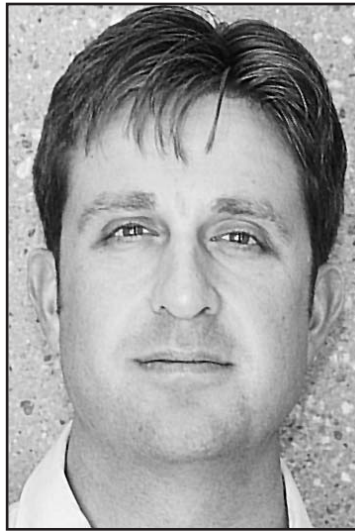
Marston's "Walk to a Cure" is his latest undertaking to combat childhood cancer. His 6-year-old daughter, Sarah, died of brain cancer five years ago.

"It was an emotional experience for me," Marston admitted. "When I got really tired, I remembered the kids to combat any negative feelings."

He started the trek at midnight so he could cover as much ground as possible in the cooler hours before sunrise.

"Mentally, I broke it up into quarters," he explained. "I ran slowly for most of the first 15 miles. I felt pretty good then and took a little break, walked a little, then ran a little."

Marston made it to the halfway point in about 5 1/2 hours, just before sunrise. He took a break at the turnaround point, then headed back to Biloxi.



Marston

"Coming back was tough," he recalled. "I walked most of the way back, with brief runs to mix it up. I tried to focus on small increments. Mentally, I went into neutral."

"The mental challenge was tougher than the physical," he continued. "It's really hard

sometimes to make yourself do something that's uncomfortable, but it's exciting to see what you can do when you push yourself."

Paramedics from American Medical Response monitored Marston's condition periodically as the temperature soared into the low 90s.

Hank-FM reported on his progress throughout the day and set up stations at the Biloxi Lighthouse and Gulfport's Jones Park to collect donations and signatures for a petition urging Congress to appropriate additional funds for pediatric cancer research.

"About a mile out, I knew I could finish strong," Marston commented.

He avoided sunburn by using sunblock, but "I had tons of blisters on my feet, but nothing bad or bloody. My quads and hamstrings were tight, but I felt better after 60 miles than I did after 30 miles

a couple of weeks earlier, probably due to better diet and hydration."

Marston appreciated the vision and commitment of the radio station, the ambulance crew and the casino resort.

"They all really stepped up and took care of everything," he said.

It's not the end of the road for Marston when it comes to battling childhood cancer, though. He's involved in the planning of the second "November to Remember" 5-kilometer run under the auspices of the Gulf Coast Running Club. He was the impetus behind the inaugural race held at Keesler in which more than 600 runners raised more than \$5,000 for Curesearch.

"There are 40,000 kids battling cancer in America, and I don't want other kids to suffer like Sarah did," he stressed. "As a society, we owe them our best."

Runner competes in annual international track meet

By Senior Airman
Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

A Keesler member earned a silver medal at an annual track and field competition overseas despite an injured knee.

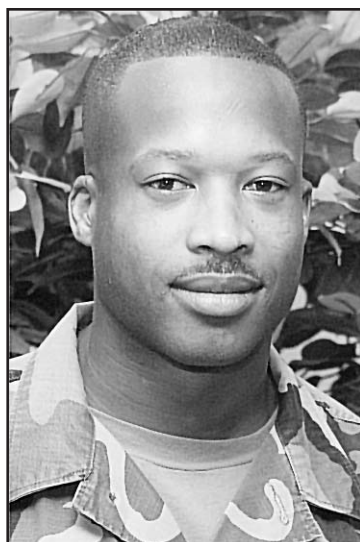
Kedrick Wright, 81st Transportation Squadron, was part of a second-place finish in the men's 4 x 100-meter relay at the sixth annual AirNorth Track and Field championships in Herentals, Belgium June 8.

At the Frankfurt Invitational, a tune-up meet in Germany, June 4, Wright injured his knee.

"I had injured the knee once before and at that meet, I re-aggravated it," Wright said. "The event was open to all comers, and I did win two individual bronze medals (in the 100- and 200-meter dash) at that event. But I paid a price for them."

Although he doesn't want to make any excuses, he felt the injury did have something to do with his performance.

"Although we did take second as a relay team, this was the first year that I didn't medal in every event I competed in," he said. "The knee was okay enough for me to run, but not for me to perform like I am capable of."



Wright

The AirNorth track championships pits the air forces from Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States against each other in track and field events.

In 2003, he earned three first places — two individual and a third as a relay. In 2004, he won two first places, one individual, one relay, and one second place, individual.

Wright competed for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team in 2000 and he has been a member of the Air Force Track and Field team for the last seven years.

Bowling

Editor's note: For more information, call Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817.

Winter league registrations — are being accepted now for adults and youth.

Youth bowling discount — 5-9 p.m. Thursdays. Teens bowl 4 hours for \$5.

Half price for Navy Seabee personnel — Tuesdays.

Summer leagues — registrations accepted for Monday League, Thursday morning seniors, Friday mixed, Sunday Incredibles have 9-ball and base intramurals.

Birthday parties — 2-6 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations required.

Family day — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents pay, their children bowl the same game free.

Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except during Hurricane Alley.

Non-prior service students — show your UBU card and receive a discount for open bowling and Hurricane Alley.

Play and save cards — bowl 21 games for \$25.

Bowl-a-rama — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays bowl two hours for \$8.95. 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays, all-day Sundays, bowl two hours, \$9.95.

Fitness

Editor's note: For more information, call Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

Fitness center equipment orientations — 9 a.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays at Blake; 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Dragon; and 2 p.m. Thursdays at Triangle. No appointment necessary.

Sports physical — pediatric clinic

provides physical for students. Call TRICARE, 1-800-700-8603.

Blake Fitness Center

Aerobic workout tapes — available for free checkout. For more information, call 377-4409.

Dragon Fitness Center

Computerized fitness assessments and counseling — available by appointment only. Call 377-2907 or 377-4409.

Aerobics — variety of free classes offered to accommodate most fitness levels. For more information, call 377-4409.

Parent/child fitness room — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays with workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months-7 years.

Triangle Fitness Center

Squat, dead lift, bench press wall of fame — best lifters in each weight category gets photo on the wall of fame and free T-shirt. Competitions are 5 p.m. working Fridays.

Golf

Editor's note: For more information, call Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832.

Golf lessons for ages 6-15 — Tuesday through July 22. Space is limited. To register, or for more information, visit the pro shop.

Summer golf tournament — Saturday, 11 a.m. registration and lunch, noon tee time. \$35 per person. Sign up at the pro shop.

Golf 101 — 5-6 p.m. July 5-7, \$20. Maximum 10 students.

Youth golf lessons — Tuesday-July 1, July 12-15 or July 19-22. Space is limited.

Non-prior service student special — \$15 for unlimited rounds each day, including green and cart fees and club rental.

Individual and group lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

Outdoor recreation

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 3186.

Boat slip rental — boats up to 20 feet \$50 per month; 20-50 feet \$2.50 per foot. Power, water included.

Camping packages available for rent — with sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

Deep sea fishing trips — 7 a.m. Sundays, down Fridays. \$40.

Dinner cruise — with a choice of days. Cost is \$40 per person.

Disks for disk golf — available for rent or purchase.

Fishing trips to oil rigs — \$650 for a maximum of six people.

July fishing tournament — weigh the largest flounder at marina and receive a \$100 savings bond.

Pontoon boat training — test and certification is necessary to rent a pontoon boat.

Pool parties at base pools — for more information, call 377-3568.

Softball

Editor's note: All games are at the Triangle softball field number indicated.

American League

(As of Monday)

Team	W	L	T
81st MDOS	9	1	0

338th TRS-A	9	1	0
81st CES-A	9	1	0
738th EIS	6	4	0
335th TRS-A	6	5	0
CNATTU-A	5	5	0
Firefighters	5	5	0
81st CS	4	5	1
81st OSF	3	7	0
81st DS	3	7	0
81st SUPS-TRANS	3	8	1
332nd TRS	3	8	0
336th TRS	1	9	1

June 15 — 81st CES-A 10, 738th EIS 7; 81st MDOS 15, 81st CS 4; 81st OSF 13, Firefighters 8; 338th TRS-A 18, 332nd TRS 5; CNATTU-A 13, 81st DS 3; 336th TRS-B 19, 81st SUPS/TRANS 3.

Wednesday — 5:30 p.m. 81st OSF vs. 336th TRS, Field 1; 81st CS vs. 81st CES, Field 2; 6:30 p.m. 81st MDOS vs. CNATTU, Field 2; 335th TRS vs. 738th EIS, Field 1; 7:30 p.m. 738th EIS vs. 338th TRS-A, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. 338th TRS-A vs. 81st DS, Field 1; 332nd TRS vs. Firefighters, Field 2.

National League

(As of Monday)

Team	Won	Lost
336th TRS-A	9	1
335th TRS-B	9	1
81st MSGS-A	9	1
81st MDSS	7	3
403rd Wing	6	4
81st MSS/TRW/2AF	6	4
81st TRSS	5	5
333rd TRS	3	5
334th TRS	3	6
81st CES-B	3	7
CNATTU-B	2	8
338th TRS-B	2	8
81st MSGS-B	1	9
AFOSI-Legal	1	9

June 14 — 81st MSS-TRW-2AF 19, 81st MSGS-B 3; 81st TRSS 23, AFOSI-Legal 9; 81st MSGS-A 11, 403rd Wing 1; 81st MDSS 10, 81st CES-B 6; 335th TRS-B 9, 334th TRS 8; 336th TRS-A 17, 338th TRS-B 6; 333rd TRS 11, CNATTU-B 1.

July 7 — 5:30 p.m. 81st MDSS vs. 81st MSS/TRW/2AF, 81st TRSS vs. 334th TRS, 6:30 p.m. CNATTU-B vs. 336th TRS-A, 338th TRS-B vs. 81st MSGS-B; 6:30pm 338th TRS-B vs. 81st MSGS-B; 7:30pm AFOSI/LEGAL vs. 333rd TRS; 81st MSGS-A vs. 335th TRS-B; 8:30 p.m. 81st CES-B vs. 403rd Wing.

Firecracker softball tournament — Saturday and Sunday, Fields 3 and 4. For information or to sign up, call James Schmitt, 377-5989.

Swimming

Bay Breeze pool — open daily noon to 6 p.m., except Tuesdays.

Main pool — open daily noon to 5:30 p.m. except Mondays. Lap swimming is available during normal hours.

Triangle pool — open daily noon to 7 p.m. Lap swimming is available 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Youth activities center

Youth sports program — for information on registrations for upcoming programs, call 377-4116.

Instructional classes — taekwondo, ages 5 and older; gymnastics, ages 3 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

NBA finals performance



Air Force photo by Gary Lott

Airmen with the Air Force's expeditionary entertainment troupe, Tops in Blue, sing the national anthem before Game 6 of the National Basketball Association finals June 21. Eighteen vocalists performed the anthem at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

DIGEST

HONORS

Student honor roll

334th Training Squadron

Aerospace control and warning systems apprentice course — Airmen Basic Darren Dees, Robert Johnson and Nicholas Vincent; Airmen 1st Class Teddy Barbosa, Christopher Cummings and Steven Jones; Senior Airman Kelly Oshiro; Staff Sgts. Wayne Harrah and Bradley Wright.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Daniel Barcus, Curtis Burroughs, Aaron Dawson, Ryan Lester, Emery McClinton, Nicholas Novak, Gary Pew, Robert Pupilis, Russell Rathbone, Nina Rendon, Javon Smith Jr. and Bryce Witte; Airmen Mallissa Lee, Donita Session, Derek Stromsodt and Thomas Ward; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Anderson, Vernon Apple, Michael Powell and Joel Richeson; Senior Airman Roland DeMoss Jr.; Staff Sgts. Jason Brumbaugh, Joshua Burback and Jason Hancock

336th TRS

Information management apprentice course — Airman 1st Class Edgar Del Rio; Senior Airmen Sunny Chance, Christopher Johnson and Bailey Sutherland; Staff Sgts. Jessie Carpenter, Brian Langford, Patricia Perz, Steven Reynolds and Ryan Talbot; Tech. Sgts. Michelle Egger and Bernard Green; Cornell Billingsley and Doris Nash.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic Robert Faber, Jeffrey Hamlin, Daniel Hancock, Joshua Jones, Matthew Lyons, Grant Meyers and Samuel Rosa; Airmen 1st Class Jessie Crews, Stavros Kalfoglou and Jason Phillips; Senior Airmen Tyler Duncan, Robert Harber and Zachariah Wiedeman; Staff Sgts. Garry Delos Reyes, Adam Guevara, Robert Hathaway, Frank Perez and Thaddeus Wyckoff.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Independence Day

Editor's note: Hours for these base facilities reflect changes in observance of the Independence Day federal holiday, Monday. Any exchange facilities not listed are closed.

Keesler News — closed.
Self-help store — closed.
Keesler Thrift Shop — closed.
Commissary — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.
Mini-mart — 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Magnolia Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Pecan Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Bay Breeze Golf Course — 6 a.m. to dusk.
Vandenberg Community Center — noon to 6 p.m.
Outdoor recreation — 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Fam camp — open 24 hours.
Arts and crafts center — closed.
Azalea and Live Oak dining facilities — closed.
Half Time Café — closed.
Keesler Club — closed.
Enlisted lounge — closed.
Dragon and Triangle fitness centers — closed.
Information, ticket and travel office — closed.
Keesler Community Center — closed.
Youth activities center — closed.
Child development center — closed.
Family child care — closed.
Gaude Lanes — closed.
McBride Library — closed.
Main base exchange — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Mini mall — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Medical center exchange — closed.
Dorm shoppette — closed.
Class Six/Shoppette — 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Service station — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. gas, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. retail; service bays closed.
Military clothing sales — closed.
Anthony's Pizza — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Student family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl. For more information, call 374-5627.

Biloxi Ward — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, 14928 Big Ridge Road, North Biloxi. For more information, call 435-9506.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.
Larcher Chapel praise and worship service.....11:15 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....11:30 a.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....10 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-2520 or 4625.

Prayer service for peace — noon Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-4861.

Joy night concerts — 7 p.m. Fridays starting June 17 featuring the inspirational gospel service choir.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Medical Center Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 8 a.m.
Medical Center Chapel8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....10 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Medical Center Chapel11:15 a.m.
Fishbowl.....Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....8:30 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-4625.

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Orthodox

Holy Trinity Church (Greek Orthodox) — 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 388-6138.

St. Mary's Church (Eastern Orthodox) — 3224 D Ave., Gulfport. For more information, call 864-1568.

Jewish

Beth Israel Synagogue — 1946 Southern Avenue, Biloxi. Services 8 p.m. Fridays; an Oneg Shabbat follows each service. For more information, call 388-5574 or visit cbibiloxi@juno.com.

Popeye's — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Robin Hood — closed.

A&W — closed.

Baskin Robbins — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mobile units — closed.

Subway — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Telecenter — closed.

General Nutrition Center — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Beauty shop — closed.

Nail salon — closed.

Spa — closed.

Triangle barber shop — closed.

Main exchange barber shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Medical center barber shop — closed.

Flower shop — closed.

Main exchange laundry/dry cleaners — closed.

Gifts Galore — closed.

Optical shop — closed.

Portrait studio — closed.

Chappuccino — closed.

Triangle laundry/dry cleaners — closed.

Military rent-all — closed.

Enterprise Car Rental — closed.

PROMOTIONS

2005 Air Force Personnel Center boards

July 6-21 — lieutenant colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

July 25-29 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

Aug. 2-12 — blocked.

Aug. 15-26 — command screening.

Sept. 12-23 — colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

Sept. 26-30 — special selection.

Oct. 4-6 — blocked.

Oct. 11-21 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

Oct. 25-27 — Air National Guard colonel, second session.

Nov. 14-18 — colonel, lieutenant colonel and major MC, DC.

Dec. 5-16 — major line, CHAP, JAG, BSC, MSC.

TRICARE

Beneficiary services — active duty and dependents enroll at Keesler Medical Center, Room 4B-107, 377-9962. To enroll in TRICARE Prime, retirees and their dependents call 1-800-444-5445 or visit the TRICARE Service Center, 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650.

Claims services — 1-800-403-3950.

“Urgent” after hours primary care manager access — 1-877-794-4629.

Health benefits/beneficiary counseling, debt collection assistance — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. Ms. James is in Room 4B-106 and Ms. Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

Education center for women — in women's health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women's health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and multimedia computer connected to the Internet are available for personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

Keesler Medical Center clinic hours — family practice, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; pediatric clinic, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

On the Web — Keesler Medical Center's Web site is <http://www.keesler.af.mil/81mdg>. For TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For Region South information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>.

TRICARE Service Center — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 05-E — graduation July 18.

First Term Airmen Center

Class 05-14 — cancelled.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 05-5 — graduation Monday.

Class 05-6 — Aug. 1-Sept. 8.

Chapel

Book of Romans adult Bible study — 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call Chaplain (1st Lt.) Winston Jones, 377-2761.

Keesler Medical Center

Shaving clinic — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Allergy/immunization clinic — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.

International travel clinic — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment.

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ment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

McBride Library

Vacation time — new travel guides on display; books on compact disk available for checkout.

Library services — free Internet use. Copies 10 cents a page, copy machines 5 cents a page. Fax first page \$3, each additional page \$2. Local and incoming faxes, 50 cents a page.

Orientations and volunteer work — for more information, call 377-2181.

Arts and crafts center

Ceramic painting technique — sign ups are ongoing; minimum five students. For more information, call 377-2821.

Youth summer craft camp — 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for five more weeks. \$20 week.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Transition assistance three-day workshop — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 11-13, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 7-9 and Dec. 5-7, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Retirement and veterans briefing — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.

Pre-separation counseling — required by law for individuals leaving the military no less than 90 calendar days before separation or retirement date. Individuals with orders can attend the briefing on Thursdays in Room 130, Sablich Center, excluding the week of the transition assistance program workshop, at 1 p.m. for those separating or 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Bring a copy of orders to the session.

PALACE Chase information briefings — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.

Employment assistance

Employment Network Center — 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 a.m. working Fridays, Room 126, Sablich Center. National and local job search information and Internet computer access for active-duty and military family members, free e-mail service, fax service and computers and laser printers to complete resumes and federal job applications. For more information, visit Room 126, Sablich Center, or call 377-8593 or 8592.

Health care professionals — needed by the Air Force Reserve. Critical Air Force Specialty Codes available in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida units are 44M3, 44Y3, 46F3, 46P3, 47G3, and 48R3. Some may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-8332, or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

Web sites

Defense Manpower Data Center — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.

Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

Department of Veterans Affairs — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

America's Job Bank — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

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DINING FACILITIES MENUS

Today

Lunch — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Dinner — orange spiced chops, hush puppies, braised liver with onions, tempura fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, wax beans, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Friday

Lunch — corned beef, pineapple chicken, yankee pot roast, cornbread, potato wedges, simmered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, black-eyed peas, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

Dinner — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked fish, Hungarian goulash, barbecue chicken, parsley buttered potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, baked potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, loin strip steak, mushroom and onion sauce, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — oven fried fish, spareribs, grilled mustard chicken breast, baked macaroni and cheese, noodles, gravy, peas, baked sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — Fourth of July cookout: barbecue ribs, grilled steak, barbecue chicken, baked potatoes, corn, coleslaw, assorted fruit and pastry and cold drinks.

Dinner — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, oven-browned potatoes, rice, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans with mushrooms, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili with beans, grilled Polish sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbeque beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, salmon cakes, garlic toast, filipino rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

Dinner — baked turkey and noodles, beef ball stroganoff, noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, calico corn, spinach, lima beans, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

July 7

Lunch — roast pork loin, cornbread, jaegerschnitzel veal with mushroom sauce, glazed cornish hen, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — herb baked chicken, cornbread, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, blackeyed peas and rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

July 8

Lunch — lasagna, spaghetti and meat sauce, Italian sweet sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, pasta salad, three-bean salad, cornbread, clam chowder, vegetable soup, chicken chili, corn O'Brien, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, garlic toast, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, garlic toast, steamed rice, gravy, corn on the cob, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

July 9

Lunch — fish almonidine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Dinner — crispy baked chicken, cajun meatloaf, ribeye steak, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, French peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

July 10

Lunch — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken breast filet parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

July 11

Lunch — roast turkey, baked ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, cornbread, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, succotash, tempura vegetables, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — roast turkey, baked ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, cornbread dressing, cornbread, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

July 12

Lunch — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Dinner — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs.

July 13

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, jalapeno cornbread, beef fajitas, Mexican pork chops, Mexican rice, refried beans with cheese, Mexican corn, gravy, pinto beans, coleslaw, peas and carrots, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — Caribbean jerk chicken, jalapeno cornbread, beef porcupines, chicken enchiladas, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, Mexican corn, peas, baked beans, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Keesler Community Center

Adult and youth guitar lessons — half-hour lessons 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday; \$55 month. For appointment, call 377-3308.

Weight Watchers — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.

Vandenberg Community Center

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.

Nine-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

CyberSport — Internet gaming 3-10 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. For more information on weekend hours and free lessons, call 377-4519.

Late night dance and DJ — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. \$3. People with birthdays in June show their identification card and get in free third Friday of the month.

Youth activities center

Friday teen night — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 13-18. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events. Register by Wednesday each week.

Preteen night — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events. Register by Wednesday each week.

Summer camps — basketball, 2-4 p.m. Monday through June 30, ages 5-12, \$15.

Karate — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 6 and older. \$30.

Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older. \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.

Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

Keesler Club

Editor's note: Dining is open to all ranks.

Lunch buffet — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays except holidays. Specials include Mongolian barbecue Mondays, ribs Tuesday, ethnic Wednesdays, catfish the last working day of week.

Wednesday night special — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, free wings and things for club members; \$3 nonmembers. Drink specials and progressive pot cash giveaway for members.

Enlisted Warrior Lounge

Hot dogs — \$1 Mondays through Saturdays.

Pinochle (all ranks) — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Eight- and nine-ball pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Thursdays. Tacos three for \$2; drink specials.

Rhythm and blues night — 9 p.m. Saturdays.

KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.

KIRT members are:

Life skills enhancement center — 377-6216, comment line 377-6780.

Family support center — 377-2179.

Family advocacy — 377-7006.

Family member program — 377-3077.

Health and wellness center — 377-5305.

403rd Wing — 377-3277.

Chapel — Larcher, 377-4859; Keesler Medical Center, 377-6337; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331.

Classes, seminars

Investing strategies — 9-11 a.m. July 26, Room 230A, Sablich Center. To register, call 377-2179.

Tobacco cessation class — next class starts Aug. 3.

Healthy cooking demonstration — noon today, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

Urban nights — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

Snack and drink specials — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Progressive pot cash giveaway Wednesdays for members.

TICKETS AND TRAVEL

New Orleans School of Cooking — July 15. \$45 including admission, meal and transportation. Sign up by July 8.

French Quarter ghosts and legends trip — July 16. \$40 including admission and transportation. Sign up by July 8.

VOLUNTEERS

Editor's note: Included are base organizations, events, training orientation and other information for volunteers. For more information on opportunities in the surrounding communities, call Jackie Pope, 377-8590.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Shironda Gilchrist, 377-4477.

American RedCross-Keesler Station — disaster services volunteers for hurricane season and year-round. Free training provided; all skill levels accepted. For more information, call 896-4511.

Chapel — for more information, call 377-2520.

Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Family support center — for more information, visit the center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or call 377-2209 or 4293. Free child care available.

Fisher House — for more information, call Larry Vetter, 377-8264.

Girl Scouts — for more information, call Beverly Brooks, 864-7215, or Cindy Callahan, 388-7757.

High school students — dependents of active-duty people who want to earn money toward college by volunteering, call Jeri Peterson, 377-3349.

Honor guard — for more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.

International military student office — for more information, call 377-4228.

McBride Library — for more information, call Bill Province or Tonie Day, 377-2181 or 2604.

Medical center — for more information, call Emily Shelton, 377-1444.

Retirees activities office — for more information, call 377-3871 or 7309.

MEETINGS

Recurring

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

Air Force Association, Chapter 332 — 11:30 a.m. second Wednesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call or email Kirt Quist, 326-4775, kirt@financialgroupusa.com, or e-mail Paul Deitke, pdeitke@member.afa.org.

Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 652 — 11 a.m. third Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-9444.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month. For location and more information, call Timlie Reis, 396-5872.

Alcoholics Anonymous — 8 p.m. Thursdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 396-0823.

Amateur radio club — 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, second floor, Hangar 3, next to the Civil Air Patrol. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brad Godwin, 377-0341 or 875-3223, or Staff Sgt. Tony Tran, 377-1200 or 396-4547.

American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670 — 11:30-1 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Helene Almond, 377-6850 or 4518.

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Committee — 3 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. John Dianala, 377-6154, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

AWANA — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays August through May at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets, for preschool through high school students. For more information, call Tasarla Shaw, 377-2520.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Flo Clay, 377-8681.

Boy Scout Troop 253 — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Building 0007, Thrower Park. For more information, go to <http://www.geocities.com/biloxi253/> or call Louie Fontes, 377-1519 or 392-0646.

Breast cancer support group — 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, general surgery clinic. For more information, call 377-3454.

Breastfeeding support group — for more information, call Jodi Qualters, 872-9190.

Cancer support group — 6 p.m. second Tuesday each month, medical procedures clinic lounge. For more information, call 377-6588.

Chapel ropes — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fishbowl Student Center. For more information, call 377-2331.

Charismatic intercessory prayer service — 5:15-6 p.m. Wednesdays at former chapel at corner of H and 2nd streets.

Christian men's fellowship luncheon — noon Tuesdays, Triangle Chapel. Bring lunch. For more information, call 377-2520.

Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Company grade officers council — 4 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Capts. Branimir Klausman, 377-4045, or Jeffrey Burns, 377-0663, or visit <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/CGOC/index.htm>.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Cub Scout Pack 281 — 6:30 p.m. first, second and fourth Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 1st Lt. Garon Shelton, 377-2046; Norma Cusanek, 432-3160, or Chad Taylor, 594-0877.

Dorm council — 7 a.m. first Wednesday of each month, Live Oak dining facility. For more information, call 377-6158 or 6680.

Girl Scout Troop 148 — 6 p.m. Mondays, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call Kimberly Ramirez, 374-7426.

Hispanic Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-2985 or 216-0569; Carlos Puig, 385-2985, or Dee McKaig, 432-1090.

Hispanic Employment Committee — 4 p.m. second Wednesday of each month, family child care building, Thrower Park. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 216-0569.

Keesler Officers Spouses Club — for more information, call Michelle Harper, 872-5791; Amanda Letonoff, 432-8626, or Patty Stiles, 392-8582.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, September through May, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Vicky Walton, 436-6408, or e-mail chajanding@aol.com.

Keesler Riders Association — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Keesler Community Center, for motorcyclists. For more information, call Gerald Gardner, 377-2386, or Tech. Sgt. Joanna Ball, 377-2430 or 2432.

Medical center officers spouses club — for more information, call Stephanie Ritter, 374-2464, or Belinda Manuel, 432-7734.

Multiples support group — For more information, call Sue Burleson, 865-1375.

Order of Daedalians — 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month, Daedalian Room, Keesler Club.

Play group — 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, youth activities center, infants through 4 years. For more information, call 377-7006.

Prayer warriors network — 6 a.m. Mondays, Triangle Chapel.

Protestant youth group — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Jeremy Allen, 377-2520.

Retired Enlisted Association, Magnolia Chapter — 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628.

Toastmasters — noon Tuesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Capt. Ronnie Michael, 377-7395; or Michael Bayne, 872-9359.

Top III Association — 2 p.m. first working Friday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Damian Orslene, 377-9464; Master Sgt.

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Stephen Marrotte, 377-2052; Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, 377- 5752; Master Sgt. Rudolfo Frescas, 377-2142; or Master Sgt. Richard Phillips, 377-5249.

Weight Watchers — Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. Weigh-in starts at 5:15 p.m., meeting at 5:45. For more information, call Debbie Wilson, 831-8772, or e-mail debbie_weightwatchers@yahoo.com

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

As of today, Thursday shows and 9:30 p.m. Saturday shows are cancelled until further notice due to low attendance.

- Friday** — 7 p.m., Unleashed (R).
- Saturday** — 2 p.m., Mindhunters (R); 7 p.m., Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith.
- Sunday** — 2 p.m., Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith.
- July 8** — 7 p.m., Kicking and Screaming (PG).
- July 9** — 2 p.m., Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith; 7 p.m. Longest Yard (PG-13).
- July 10** — 2 p.m., Longest Yard (PG-13).

July weather outlook

Temperatures and thunderstorms reach their peak in July. The average temperature range is 76-90 degrees Fahrenheit. Temperatures of 90 degrees or higher and/or thunderstorms normally occur 16 days of the month. On many occasions, thunderstorms will be within sight of Keesler, but won't move over the base. The winds are mostly from the south at 5 to 10 knots with gusty conditions near thunderstorms. Tropical storms and depressions also occur frequently during the month and should be closely monitored so that protective actions can be taken in a timely manner.

Extreme maximum temperature (F).....	102
Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....	90
Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....	76
Extreme minimum temperature (F).....	60
Mean relative humidity (percent).....	66
Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....	7.36
Mean number of days with precipitation....	13
Mean number of days with thunderstorms....	16
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....	7.59
Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:	
2,000 feet.....	2.4
1,000 feet.....	0.6
300 feet.....	0.0
Percentage of observations with visibility less than:	
6 miles.....	16.3
3 miles.....	1.1
1 mile.....	0.2
Percentage of observations with wind:	
0-3 knots.....	41.3
4-10 knots.....	53.3
11-21 knots.....	5.3
22 knots or greater.....	0.1

Base personnel can access radar and satellite data and a general forecast on the local area network in the public folders under 81 OSF Weather.

SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 Smith Manor
:07	:37 Cody, Dolan and Thomson Hall
:08	:38 Supply
:09	:39 Shoppette
:10	:40 Shaw House
:11	:41 Main exchange
:12	:42 McBride Library
:13	:43 Medical center, Tyer House
:14	:44 Sablich Center
:15	:45 Dental clinic
:16	:46 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:17	:47 Base operations
:18	:48 Hangar 4
:19	:49 Thomson Hall

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. off-Fridays, weekends, holidays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:02	:32 Shoppette
:04	:34 White Avenue Gate
:05	:35 Shaw House
:06	:36 Main exchange
:07	:37 Keesler Federal Credit Union
:08	:38 Medical center, Tyer House
:09	:39 Sablich Center
:10	:40 Dental clinic
:13	:43 Marina park
:14	:44 Bay Breeze Golf Course
:15	:45 Pass Road Gate
:17	:47 Welch Auditorium
:18	:48 338th TRS, Building 6965

Technical training route 5:10-5:30 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Shaw House
:12	Muse Manor
As required	Tyer House
:14	TLQ east side 2000 block
:16	TLQ east side of Locker House
:17	332nd TRS
:18	335th TRS
:20	Welch Auditorium
:26	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:27	McClelland Hall
:28	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:30	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off-base

Allow four-minute window for times; lobby area pickup.
To Keesler via Highway 90: 5:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m., Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn; 5:18 a.m. and 1:28 p.m., Howard Johnson Express and Best Western Swan; 5:21 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Ramada Limited; 5:25 a.m., Edgewater Inn; 5:32 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., Biloxi Beachfront and Holiday Inn Express.

To Keesler from north of base: 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Martinique; 5:01 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., South Palm Villas; 5:06-5:10 a.m. and 1:10-1:16 p.m., Ocean Springs Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn; 5:11-5:16 a.m. and 1:20-1:31 p.m., Ocean Springs Country Inn and Suites, Ramada Limited, Best Western and Comfort Inn; 5:18-5:22 a.m. and 1:41-1:47 p.m., D'Iberville Wingate Inn, Quality Inn and Travelodge; 5:25-5:35 a.m. and 1:53-1:56 p.m., D'Iberville Howard Johnson and Suburban Lodge.

Back to off-base lodging: 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard halls; 3:33, 4:33 and 6:18 p.m., Thomson Hall stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan halls; 3:36, 4:36 and 6:21 p.m., McClelland Hall; 3:38, 4:38 and 6:23 p.m., behind Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather building and Allee, Wolfe and Stennis halls; 3:41, 4:41 and 6:26 p.m., stop between base exchange and McBride Library.

Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.

Keesler Thrift Shop

Mondays

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(sales only)

Wednesdays and Thursdays

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (sales);
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(consignments accepted at rear entrance)

Building 3217, 412 3rd Street,
behind the Keesler Club

377-3217

operated by the
Keesler Officers Spouses Club

Child care offered for mildly-sick kids

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Squadron

When young children have illnesses that prevent them from attending their usual child care facilities, alternative care arrangements have to be made.

The most common alternative is for the parent to stay home from work and care for their child. This is especially difficult for Air Force and other military and Department of Defense families in which one parent may be deployed, in training or on temporary duty in another location.

Having military members and DOD civilians absent due to the illness of one or more of their children may impact mission accomplishment. With this in mind, Keesler's family child care has a program designed to assist those parents who meet the necessary requirements.

The mildly-ill home program allows children in non-contagious stages of a communicable illness or who have mild respiratory illnesses a safe place for quality care by a licensed professional home day care provider.

Keesler's current family child care mildly-ill provider is Jacqueline Crowder. Ms. Crowder has been a provider for several years. She's completed several professional courses in early childhood education and participated in



Air Force Services photo

the Nurturing Homes Program through Mississippi State University.

She's also a certified teachers' assistant, has worked with Head Start and is currently working toward a degree in early childhood education. She is certified in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation and is a member of the National Association for Family Child Care.

Ms. Crowder accepted the mildly-ill provider position because she cares about the welfare and development of children and has a strong desire to assist parents in their time of need when their child is ill.

Priority for the use of spaces available in the mildly-ill child care home is for chil-

dren currently enrolled in the base's child development center, family child care program and school age program, but is also open to children cared for off base.

To obtain care, the child's parent should directly contact either the family child care coordinator or the mildly ill provider. If the child has a medical appointment or is seen in the emergency room at night, the parent should ask the medical provider for a referral to the mildly-ill home. The medical provider gives the parent a "care plan" for the child that informs the provider of the child's particular needs.

To make signing up for the program easier, parents are urged to use a simple pre-enrollment process.

Parents with children in the child development center must pre-enroll as part of their regular registration process and sign a letter of understanding about the nature of the care they'll receive through the program.

All other parents may pre-enroll through the family child care coordinator, Building J0042 in Thrower Park, or through the mildly-ill provider.

Parents don't pay for the care while in the mildly-ill home, but the parent is expected to continue to make payments at the child development center, family child care or school age program their child normally attends.

With only one family child care provider at Keesler furnishing this service and strict limitations on the number of children that can be cared for at one time, it's difficult to meet everyone's needs.

However, even on a limited basis, the mildly-ill child care program can relieve some day-to-day problems incurred by military members and civilian employees being absent from work to care for their sick children.

For more information, e-mail mary.allgood@keesler.af.mil or call 377-3189; or e-mail Ms. Crowder, jcrowd3@aol.com or call 396-1628.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

July 8

Bay Breeze Golf Course

\$35 per person includes shotgun start at noon lunch, green fees and cart

Great prizes ~ mulligans available
Sign up by Wednesday — call 377-3441.

Hosted by

Keesler Firefighters Association

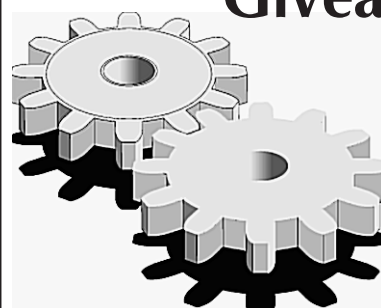
BOSS 'N BUDDY NIGHT

4 p.m. July 8 at the

Warrior Lounge for all ranks.

Free Food ~ Games

Giveaways



Join your
co-workers
after hours for
some camaraderie.

For more information, call 377-2719.

EXTRA! Here's what's happening! EXTRA!

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189 Mondays-Fridays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Training is at the family child care office, Building J0043, Thrower Park.

Pre-training orientation — 4 p.m. Mondays for anyone interested in being licensed to provide child care in their home.

Shift providers — needed during swing and evening shifts.

Special needs providers — needed to care for children with asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and physical impairments.

HALF TIME SPORTS CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2424.

Poor man's pizza package — two large pizzas with two toppings \$12.50.

Jumbo hot wings — \$4 dozen.

Hot bites combo — five cheese-stuffed deep-fried jalapenos with fries and ranch dressing, \$4.95.

KEESLER COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: Events are open to all permanent party personnel. For more information, call 377-3308.

Ballroom dancing — 7-11 p.m. Saturday. \$10. Hors d'oeuvres served; instructors available.

Guitar lessons — 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 6 through adult. \$55 per month.

Weight Watchers — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5 p.m.

Coloring contest — stop by and pick up children's coloring/activity sheet. Submit entries by 4 p.m. July 21 and be eligible for a prize.

Barbershop — men's and ladies cuts, fades, flat-tops, high and tight, and eyebrow arches. \$5 cuts for retirees, Wednesdays. No appointment necessary. For more information, call 377-4146.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: Located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. For appointments, call 377-6887 or 6883.

Low prices every day — save an average of 25-30 percent over off-base prices on Heartguard and Frontline products.

Appointments — available for vaccinations, sick call and pet registrations. All animals in base housing must be registered with veterinary services.

Summer pet safety — don't leave pets in parked cars for any period of time. Animals left in parked cars suffer brain damage and die from heatstroke. On a warm day, even with the windows cracked, the temperature in a car can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes. Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. If you see an animal in a parked car during the summer on base, and the owner doesn't return promptly, call security forces, 377-3040.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818. All trips depart from, and return to, the Keesler Community Center.

New Orleans Cooking School — July 15. \$45 per person including admission, meal and transportation. Expert chefs share the secrets of New Orleans cuisine as well as fascinating legends and facts. Enjoy a meal and take home the recipes. Spend the afternoon sightseeing and shopping in the French Quarter. Sign up by July 8. Depart 7:30 a.m., return 5:30 p.m.

French Quarter ghosts and legends trip — July 16. \$40 per person including admission and transportation. See the New Orleans' haunted LaLaurie Mansion. Sign up and prepay by July 8. Depart 5 p.m., return 2 a.m.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Editor's note: For tee time or more information, call 377-3832.

Golf 101 — 5-6 p.m. Tuesday through July 7, for people who have never played golf and want to learn basic fundamentals. \$20 for instruction in etiquette, putting, chipping, full swing and on-course play. Space limited to the first 10 sign-ups. Register at the pro shop or call for more information.

Youth golf for ages 6-15 — July 12-15 or July 19-22. Sign-up now; maximum 15 students per class. Classes 8-9:30 a.m. for ages 6-10 and 10-11:30 a.m. for ages 11-15. Entry fee for first timers or those who need clubs is \$60, including a complete set of clubs and stand bag. Second-year students or those who don't need clubs pay \$30. Class includes training on etiquette, chipping, putting and full swing. Students receive a golf hat, shirt, ditty bag and a set of children's golf handbooks. Parent/child golf event Aug. 5.

Non prior service student special — \$15 for unlimited rounds of golf a day, including greens and cart fees and golf club rental.

Individual and group golf lessons — fine-tune your golf swing; \$25 for 30 minutes.

FITNESS

Midnight Madness double elimination softball tournament — runs continuously from 7 p.m. July 22 until completed July 23. No entry fee; open to first 12 teams to enter. Trophies to first and second place teams. To sign up, call James Grubb, 377-2444.

Free aerobics classes — at Dragon Fitness Center at various times for most fitness levels. For more information, call 377-4409.

Parent/child fitness room — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment. Play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

AIR FORCE CLUB HAPPENINGS

2005 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Six scholarships, \$2,500 to \$6,000 are awarded Air Force-wide. Entrants must provide an essay on the topic, "My hero, and why."

Essay deadline is July 15. Scholarships are made possible through commercial sponsorship by MasterCard and Chase Bank. For eligibility and more information, call 377-2719.

KEESLER CLUB DINING ROOM

Editor's note: Combined dining is open to all ranks. For more information, call 377-2719.

Mongolian barbecue — 5:30-8 p.m. July 14. \$12.95, members price \$9.95, \$6.95 ages 6-11, free ages 5 and younger.

Heritage dinner — 5-8 p.m. July 22. Smokehouse chicken, \$10.95 members, \$13.95 nonmembers. Prime rib, \$12.95 members, \$15.95 nonmembers.

Lunch buffet — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. work days \$8.25, member discount price \$6.25. Monday features two lunch lines: chef's choice and all-you-can-eat taco bar. Tuesday's house specialty is barbecue ribs. Wednesday features an ethnic buffet and Mississippi catfish is served the last work day of each week.

July ethnic buffet menu — Wednesday, Italian. July 13, soul and homestyle meatloaf. July 20, German. July 27, Asian.

Daily lunch specials — Mondays, club sandwich with chips, \$5.95. Tuesdays, Philly steak special, \$4.95. Wednesdays, catfish basket, \$5.50. Thursdays, taco salad, \$5.95. Friday or last work day of the week, Philly chicken special, \$4.95. Add \$2 for nonmember price.

Birthday special — members get 50 percent off one lunch buffet during their birth month.

Anniversary special — celebrate your anniversary at Mongolian barbecue or heritage dinner and receive free bottle of champagne with your meal along with an extra punch on your lunch bunch card.

Lucrative lunch — \$25 cash drawing for members during lunch last work day of each week. To enter, write your name and phone number on the back of each of your lunch receipts through the week and put them in the box at the register. Need not be present to win.

Double stamp day — members eating lunch at the club on Mondays get a two-for-one punch on their lunch bunch cards.

SPECIALS AT THE OFFICERS' AND ENLISTED LOUNGES

Progressive pot cash giveaway — 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, a randomly-selected member's name is called. Member must be present to win. If no one wins, \$25 is added to the next week's drawing. As of June 16, jackpots were \$450 at the enlisted lounge and \$325 at the officers lounge. For information on current jackpot amounts, call 377-2719.

Flasher Wednesdays — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, wings and things. Flash your club card and they're free; \$3 for nonmembers. Drink specials for members.

Quick pic — pick up your 50-cent card to get chance to win up to \$200.

Featured drinks for the month — strawberry daiquiri, \$3; tequila sunrise, \$2.50.

Home safe — designated drivers receive free soft drinks. Home safe cards available. Check with your beverage server.

NASCAR WATCH PARTIES

Rev up your engines — Saturday and July 10, 17 and 24 at the Warrior Lounge for all ranks. Food and drink specials. Two NASCAR gift certificates, redeemable for merchandise from the NASCAR web site, awarded weekly. You could win a trip to the Nov. 13 NASCAR race at the Phoenix International Raceway including air fare, hotel accommodations and a rental car. Second place wins a \$500 NASCAR gift certificate, third place wins a \$250 NASCAR gift certificate. Entry forms available at each NASCAR event, every 15 minutes until the race is over. A special program for Air Education and Training Command club members in cooperation with the Air Force Recruiting Service. No purchase necessary. Ask club staff for details.

ENLISTED WARRIOR LOUNGE

Reserve weekend — open 3:30 p.m. July 8-9.

Hot dogs — \$1 Mondays-Saturdays.

Laid back Tuesdays — 5:30 p.m. tacos, three for \$2 until they're gone. \$3 domestic draft pitchers for members only.

Pinochle — 7 p.m. Tuesdays. All ranks invited.

Eight and nine ball pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Thursdays. 5:30 p.m., three tacos for \$2 while they last. Members double well shots for an extra \$2. Tournament winners receive a Budweiser pool cue.

Friday Karaoke with Dr. Dick — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. 5:30 p.m. until they're gone, complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Keesler Club member card drawing — 6 p.m. the last work day of each week. Two drawings for \$25 each; must be present to win.

Latino night — July 15. Dance lessons 7-8 p.m.; DJ Araujo 8 p.m. Margarita and Corona specials.

Rhythm and blues night — 9 p.m. until every Saturday, featuring DJ Cool Ice Water. Free admission. Drink specials for the ladies until midnight.

Urban nights — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays. Urban music featuring DJ Ice. \$3 drink specials include Sex on the Beach, Hypnotic, Long Island Tea and Incredible Hulk.

Cool off at the base pools

Daily pass \$1.50 ~ Single season pass \$20

Family (three or more) season pass \$60

sold at each pool and at outdoor recreation and marina.

Lap swimming — two lanes at the main base pool and one lane at the Triangle Pool are always available for laps during normal operating hours. The entire Triangle pool is open for laps from 11 a.m. to noon. Lap swimming is free, but swimmers who remain in the pool area after finishing laps are expected to pay.

For pool party information and more, call 377-3568.



OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 377-0002.

Gulf Coast fishing rodeo/armed services division — Fourth of July weekend. A savings bond is awarded by the marina for the largest fish caught daily by an armed forces member.

Deep sea fishing trips — 7 a.m. Sundays and nonworking Fridays. \$40 includes everything you need to fish. Bring your own food and beverage.

Fourth of July special — 10 percent discount on camping and fishing rental equipment.

Fishing trips to the oil rigs — \$650 for a maximum of six people. Includes captain and all tackle to fish; no license required. Call today to schedule your trip.

Dinner cruise — you select the day. Enjoy a cruise on Biloxi's Back Bay, snacks and dinner at an area restaurant. \$40 per person including your meal.

July tournament — weigh in the largest flounder at the marina and win a \$100 savings bond.

Camping packages available — with sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

Pontoon boat rental — rent for two hours, half day or full day. You must take a test and be certified to rent.

Discs for disc golf — rent or buy one or more discs. Distance, fairway, multi-purpose, and putt and approach discs are available.

GAUDÉ LANES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817.

*Shoes aren't included.

Bowl for the Stars and Strikes — complete a blue card for a chance to win \$500. Play all summer long, with prizes for every completed punch card. Sponsored by Coca-Cola Bottling Company; ask staff for more information.

Sign up now for winter leagues — competitive, 6:30 p.m. Monday "Bud" League. Adult Family, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and/or Friday night mixed. Women only, 9 a.m. Thursday. Seniors, 9 a.m. Thursday. Employed on base, 6 p.m. Thursday evening intramural. Youth, 11 a.m. Saturday.

Tuesdays — half-price bowling for Gulfport Seabee Base members.

Thursdays — 5-9 p.m., teenagers bowl for \$5.

Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling* — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.50 per person per game, \$15 each for four hours, or rent a lane for \$65 for four hours for up to six people. Special rate for large groups of 20 or more. No charge for nonbowling youth chaperones and designated drivers; \$5 for all other nonbowlers ages 11 and older. Not valid with other specials.

Birthday parties — Saturdays only. \$7 per child including two hours of bowling, shoes and food package. Birthday child is free. Bumpers available for ages 11 and younger. Reservations required.

Family day* — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents bowl the normal rate, their children bowl the same game free, based on lane availability; 1-4 p.m. availability reduced. Call ahead for bumpers.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except during Hurricane Alley.

Bowl-a-rama — until 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, bowl two hours for \$8.95 (\$16 value); 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays or all day Sundays, bowl two hours for \$9.95 (\$17.25 value). Each additional hour \$2; not valid during Friday and Saturday Hurricane Alley.

Nonprior service student specials — show UBU card and pay \$11 for four hours for Hurricane Alley or \$2.75 per game. Open bowling \$1.50 per game until 4 p.m., after 4 p.m. pay \$2 per game. Shoe rental \$1. Not valid with other discounts or specials.

Play-and-save cards* — 21 games \$25. Not valid for Friday and Saturday night Hurricane Alley.

Eleventh Frame Café — lunch 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Open until midnight Fridays and Saturdays. Purchase a lunch special Tuesdays-Thursdays and bowl a free game.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Editor's note: Preregistration is required for all classes. Registration opens the first of the month prior to the scheduled date at craft sales, Building 5904; space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

Youth classes

Parent and me class — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, ages 4 and older. Complete a Fourth of July project. \$10 including supplies; second child \$5.

Youth summer craft camp — Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., through July 28. Sign up weekly or for all four weeks. \$20 per week for ages 8 and up. Learn a new skill each week from simple sewing and woodworking creations to ceramics and gardening projects.

End of summer camp jamboree — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 31. Bring projects from craft camp and enter to win prizes; free refreshments and awards with an opportunity to enter the annual youth artist craftsman contest.

Air Force Artist/Craftsman Contest youth division — ages 17 and younger. Categories are paintings/drawings/prints and general. All items from summer craft camp are eligible for entry. Entry deadline Aug. 11.

Multi-crafts shop

Beading — beginners class is Saturday, intermediate July 9; \$25 for instruction plus \$15-\$20 supply kit. Advanced class July 16 and 23; \$30 plus a \$15-\$20 supply kit. Call for times.

Adult ceramic pouring — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 9. \$20 includes supplies. Learn to use ceramic molds, clean greenware and make up to three of your own pieces.

One-stroke beginner painting — 1-3 p.m. July 9 or 23. Learn basic brush strokes for this Donna Dewberry painting technique. \$40 includes most supplies.

One-stroke project class — 1-3 p.m. July 9 or 23. \$25. Pick up information and supply sheet when you register. One-stroke beginner painting is prerequisite.

Beginners crochet — 6 p.m. July 12. \$10.

Free scrapbook club — 5:30 p.m. July 12. July lesson is borders. Bring in examples to share. Enter our Christmas in July layout contest and be eligible to win a pack of supplies.

Beginners cross stitch — 6 p.m. July 19. \$10.

Rubber stamped card making — 6 p.m. July 26. \$10.

Ceramic painting technique — learn brush strokes, dry brushing and glaze techniques. Sign ups ongoing. Have a class at your convenience; minimum five students. Special Christmas in July items this month.

Frame shop

Beginners — no class in July. Sign up now for the class on Aug. 2, 9, 16 and 23. \$55 including supplies.

Advanced matting — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. July 29. \$15 including supplies. Beginners framing is prerequisite.

Three-dimensional decoupage kits — 1 p.m. July 23. Create a beautiful picture ready to be framed; \$5 for instruction plus \$5-\$15 for a kit.

Wood shop

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. \$25 for supplies and tool use. Earn your safety certification and get your operator's card for future shop use. Next class Aug. 3.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 5-7 p.m. July 8 or 22. \$15 including supplies and tool use. Maximum three students per class. Next class Aug. 5.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 9 or 23. \$20 for supplies and tool use. Maximum three students per class. Next class Aug. 6.

Auto hobby shop

Beginners auto care classes — learn the basics. Classes 6 p.m.; \$5 each. Wednesday, oil changes; July 13, tune ups; July 20, brakes. Minimum five students per class.

Specials

Wood shop special — build a kit with your child; kits include bird feeders, bird houses and squirrel feeders. \$5 including shop use fee. Children aren't normally allowed in the wood shop — this is a one-time special.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-5576 or 377-4355. Dances are sponsored by Edgewater Village Shopping Center and Financial Group USA.

Summer dance bash* — 6 p.m. to midnight July 22. Beach music, hula-hoop and dance contests, free food. Come dressed in appropriate summer attire.

Eight-ball pool tourney — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Win free entry into the weekend dance.

Nine-ball pool tourney — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Win free entry into the weekend dance.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

Late night dance and DJ* — 6 p.m. to midnight every Friday and Saturday. \$3 admission.

Birthday dance* — 6 p.m. the third Friday of every month. People with birthdays during the month enter the dance free when they show their identification card.

Martial arts — Mondays-Fridays, Taekwondo. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Soo Bahk Do.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181.

Reference orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and July 13, 20 and 27.

Summer story time — 10 a.m. Wednesday and July 13, 20 and 27 for ages 2-6.

Summer read club — 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Freedom week — Monday through July 10. Join us for the Pledge of Allegiance, 2 p.m. Wednesday; display throughout the month.

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Special orientations/tours — for more information, call 377-2827.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-4116.

Teen nights — 6:30-10 p.m. Fridays, for ages 13-18. \$5 per person. No events this week; center closes at 6 p.m. July 8, game night. July 15, theater camp production, Keesler Community Center. Free admission. July 22, survivors night with adventure games. July 29, 50s sock hop.

Preteen nights — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, for ages 6-12. \$5 per person. No events this week. July 9, give parents a break. July 16, 50s sock hop. July 23, F-4 olympic games. July 30, ice cream night; build your own sundaes.

Free home alone course — 6-7 p.m. July 21, ages 10 and older. Parent must accompany child; sign up by July 20

Fit-4-Fun — Web-based fitness program, ages 9-18. Get your password, register at the center and receive a water bottle. Advance to various levels to win other free prizes.

Summer camps — theater camp, 6-8 p.m. July 11-15, ages 9-17, \$15 per person. Teen Warrior Week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 25-29, ages 13-15, \$25 per person, early registration suggested.

Youth employment skills program — for high school Air Force dependents. Volunteer and earn grant money for college. For more information, call 377-4116.

Back to school before- and after-school care program — registrations being accepted now for children in kindergarten through grade 6.

Harlem diamond fast-pitch softball exhibit — 6 p.m. July 19; \$10 per person. Tickets available at the youth activities center. For more information, call 377-4116.

Hire me board — an opportunity for teens to advertise their services as babysitters, yard workers, dog walkers, etc. Parents must sign as an endorsement of services.

Karate — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 6 and older. \$30 per month; possible waiting list due to popularity.

Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays; ages 3 and older. Call for fee, times and age groups; possible waiting list due to popularity.

Training responsible adolescents in leadership — TRAIL, a Keystone Club, meets 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays for ages 13-17. Outdoor trips, community service and weekly meetings.

HAPPENINGS

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